



Elementary Families:

Chromebooks have finally arrived and were delivered to classrooms last week. The partnership between home and school in this process is so important, and we thank you for your support as our elementary students and teachers transition to a 1:1 computing environment. Please read through the information below, as there are many items we want to share with you. You are also invited to view [this video](#) about our 1:1 program.

STUDENT EXPECTATIONS

Technology is not new for our SJPS students; however, the responsibility of having their very own school device is new for the majority of elementary students. We want students to take ownership of and feel pride with this responsibility, and we have already begun stressing the importance of positive digital citizenship at all grade levels. A short technology “boot-camp” is underway with students this week. Classroom teachers are working in partnership with Mrs. Dirlam and Mrs. Bacolor from the district library/technology integration team to deliver this content to students. We encourage you to check out the online [SJPS Parent & Student Digital Handbook](#). This resource is being used as the foundation for the boot-camp lessons. You will also find information on this site regarding how to get help with your child’s device should you need it.

DEVICE TAKE-HOME STARTS THIS WEEK

The Chromebook devices will be used daily while students are engaged in face-to-face instruction, as well as provide all families with a device for use at home to extend learning and provide access should SJPS have to pivot to remote instruction at any time this school year. Once students have successfully completed their boot-camp lessons, Chromebooks will be going home daily with students. A protective sleeve will be issued for transporting the Chromebook in the student’s backpack. Devices will need to be kept in a safe location each evening and charged. All student Chromebooks run remotely through the SJPS Internet filter. Access to the Internet is scheduled to be shut off from 9:00PM-6:00 AM. Students should bring their Chromebooks back to school each day fully charged and ready for use in class. Please keep chargers at home. Should students forget their devices or forget to charge them, loaner devices are available, and classrooms will be equipped with charging stations. We greatly appreciate your help in making sure devices get charged nightly and returned to school each day. Thank you for assisting your child with this routine.

DEVICE CARE & OPTIONAL DAMAGE COVERAGE

Students have been engaged in practicing device proper care this week, as well as learning how to navigate their Chromebooks for learning. As careful as students are with their devices, we recognize that accidents happen. Therefore, we are asking families to decide if you would like to purchase optional damage coverage for your child’s device. Please visit [this link](#) to learn more and make your decision. If this is the first time you have visited the district’s online payment portal, you will need to create an account by clicking the LOGIN button at the top and then “Create New Account”. From there, please choose your child’s school from the SHOP menu at the top, click on TECHNOLOGY and then 1:1 Computing Damage & Replacement.

STAYING INFORMED

Once again, thank you for your partnership with SJPS as we move forward with 1:1 computing in the elementary schools. Don’t forget to check out the information available online via the [SJPS Parent & Student Digital Handbook](#). If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact your child’s building principal or Amy Dirlam, Director of K-12 Media Services & Instructional Technology via email at adirlam@sjschools.org or by calling 269-926-3416.